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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Examiner indicates the existence of three patentably distinct species of the invention, namely:

- I. FIG. 1
- II. FIG. 2
- III. FIG. 3

Applicant traverses an identification of species along these lines and requests reconsideration and modification of the Examiner's Election Requirement. Applicant believes that FIGS. 2 & 3 are related to FIG. 1 in that they merely show alternate and/or close-up views of the apparatus shown in FIG. 1. Applicant does, however, admit that three different species of the invention are shown in the figures as follows:

- Ia. FIGS. 1-3 & 8
- Ila. FIG. 4
- IIla. FIGS. 5-7

With respect to Applicant's identification of species, Applicant elects species IIIa for examination (which species is read on by claims 1-10, 13, 14, 18 & 19). If

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Response dated Nov. 10, 2003
Reply to Election Requirement dated Oct. 9, 2003

Applicant's modification of the species lines is not accepted, the Examiner is asked to call Applicant's representative, Greg Osterloth, at (303) 291-3200.

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